

30 DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

FORECAST OF COMPULSORY SERVICE BILL.

SINGLE MEN BETWEEN 19 AND 40 TO
BE CALLED UP.

Great Offensive Stroke by Russia.

IMPORTANT GERMAN FORCES CONCENTRATED
IN BULGARIA.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

PROTEST AGAINST FRENCH LANDING.

December 30, 3.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Greek Government has been informed that detachments of French troops have landed on the island of Castello Riza in order to facilitate the action of the Allies against Adalia.
The Greek Government has protested.

RUSSIAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

BULGARIAN PALACE BOMBARDED.

December 30, 5.50 p.m.
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COMPULSORY SERVICE.

AUSTRALIA APPLAUDS THE DECISION.

December 30, 4.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states that the Commonwealth Government welcomes the Imperial Government's decision to supply National Service.
It is believed that the news will have a most depressing effect on Britain's enemies and be most heartening to the Allies.
The newspapers applaud the decision as showing Britain's inveterate determination to prosecute the war to victory. They say some of the Dominions will surely follow the Motherland's lead.

A LABOUR CONFERENCE.

December 30, 5.30 p.m.
A most important Labour Conference is sitting to-night on the question of compulsory military service. The attendance is most representative.
Mr. Henderson will to-morrow report the findings of the Conference to the Cabinet.

PROVISIONS OF THE NEW BILL.

December 30, 1.05 p.m.
The Cabinet's decision regarding compulsion has considerably cleared the political atmosphere.
The feeling is that whatever measure the Government proposes, it should now have undivided support. Much depends on to-morrow's meeting of the Cabinet, when it is expected that the majority will express their considered views.
It is understood that the drafting of the Compulsion Bill will be entrusted to Sir John Simon and Mr. Walter Long. Possibly the Bill will not apply to Ireland.
It is stated that the Bill, which will be short, will call upon single men between 19 and 40 years to attend in age groups within a specific period, penalties being provided for non-compliance. Persons conscripted will have the same privileges as the Lord Derby conscripts enjoyed.
The Government warmly welcomes the decision.

10 DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST EGYPT.

December 30, 6.50 p.m.
It is reported that important German forces from Serbia are concentrated in the Balkans, and that a number of Austrian officers have left for Egypt to participate in the campaign against Egypt.

THE ARMY IN THE WEST.

OPERATIONS FAVOUR FRENCH.

December 30, 4.40 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent, a communiqué reports minor operations which have been favourable to the French, and also good artillery work in Champagne, preventing the Germans from repairing their demolished trenches.

GENERAL VON MACKENSEN.

A VISIT TO KING FERDINAND.

December 30, 1.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Sofia telegram says that General von Mackensen arrived there on the 29th inst. He visited the German and Austrian Ministers, was received by King Ferdinand, and returned to headquarters in the evening.

BULGARIAN WAR VOTE.

SOCIALISTS ABSTAIN FROM VOTING.

December 30, 1.45 p.m.
The Bulgarian Parliament has voted credits amounting to twenty-one million sterling.
Only a section of the Socialists abstained from voting.

BULGARIAN ASPIRATIONS.

THE NEW FRONTIER.

December 30, 1.45 p.m.
According to the Sofia newspapers, at a meeting of Bulgarian parties M. Radostev (the Bulgarian Premier) declared that the Bulgarian frontier would reach as far as the Bulgarian soldiers advanced. He added that Monastir, too, would remain Bulgarian.

THE RUSSIANS.

EVENTS IN BUKHOVINA.

December 30, 1.45 p.m.
Russia's new stroke just inside Bukhovina seems to indicate a considerable offensive along a forty-mile front.
At present big battles are raging north of Romania.
The Russians are opening intense bombardments, followed by massed infantry attacks, between the River Pruth and a point north of the Danister. Operations hitherto are in favour of the Russians.
Meanwhile the new Russian army for the Spring is rapidly being formed, and will be completely equipped in a few weeks.

THE PLOTS IN AMERICA.

ACCUSED RELEASED ON BAIL.

December 30, 2.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that Francis Monnett (former Attorney General of Ohio) and Jacob Taylor (President of the National Peace Council) and another of the accused indicted for conspiring to foment strikes at munition works, have been released in bail of \$1,000 each.

THE VILLE DE LA CIOTAT.

[Havas Telegram.]

December 29.
The French Minister for Marine, replying to the Deputy, M. Outrey, concerning the sinking of Ville de la Ciotat, declared that it was impossible for him to give any particulars about the defence of the ship. He emphasised the fact that all precautions are taken in order to ensure the safety at sea.

THE FRENCH ARMY.

The French Senate has passed a Bill to incorporate the 1917 Class under the colours.

WAR ELEGAMS.

THE VILLE DE LA CIOTAT.

BRITISH STEAMER SAVES 208 LIVES.

[Havas Telegram.]

December 28.
The steamer Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed on December 24, without warning; 208 passengers and crew were saved by the British steamer Maroc and landed at Malta; 80 are missing.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

December 28, 11.20 p.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig, in an official report, states that the enemy unsuccessfully attacked one of our sandbagged positions on the 28th. Of four machines only two reached their objective, without doing damage. One of our aeroplanes was shot down. A successful enterprise was carried out at night near Arras, when the enemy's trenches were entered and bombed with good effect. Numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Our casualties were very slight. After ten minutes, the party withdrew. Our artillery was again effective to-day against the trenches and batteries in many places between Mametz and Monchy. The enemy exploded two small mines near Givenchy, doing no damage to troops or trenches. The day was quiet south of the Enlène Canal. There was a heavy reciprocal bombardment about Ypres.

FIERCE BATTLE IN THE VOSGES.

December 30, 1.40 a.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent says a communiqué reports artillery activity on both sides in Belgium and Artois. The French, north of the Aisne, destroyed machine gun shelters, and dispersed enemy working parties. They likewise blew up two mines and a German post in Argonne. The battle continues in the Vosges. There was a lively cannonade between Fecht and Thun, and very violent cannonading in the region of Hartmannswillerkopf where the French, despite violent counter-attacks, remained masters of a section of German works between Reichen and Hirsstein, in addition to the trenches already carried. The French have captured 300 prisoners since yesterday. The total prisoners since the beginning of the operations is 1,808. The German prisoners report that their losses are considerable.

OUR FLEET.

MR. BALFOUR'S TRIBUTE.

December 29, 7.10 p.m.
Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at an exhibition of navy and army films in London, pointed out that a portion of the Grand Fleet represented was actually engaged in war. Without it the Allies and the nations now banded together against the tyranny of the Central Powers would have been deprived of communication with each other or the outer world. The task hitherto thrown on the fleet had been triumphantly accomplished. The Grand Fleet was the foundation upon which everything else rested. Our economic stability, not less than our military operations, depended on the Grand Fleet. Though silent, it was performing not merely for the Allies, but for the whole world, the most important part of the drama they were now playing for the freedom of the world.

RECRUITING AT HOME.

LABOUR LEADERS TO CONFER.

December 29, 7.45 p.m.
A meeting of the Labour leaders has been hurriedly summoned for to-morrow to consider the recruiting position. There was a special meeting of the Joint Labour Recruiting Committee to-day. It is understood that several members demanded the calling of a national conference of trades unions before the House of Commons meets, being of the opinion that there is no necessity for the Cabinet's decision. They declare that 60 percent of the "unemployed" were unfit and 20 per cent were "starved." The Westminster Gazette in a later edition says it is improbable that Mr. Henderson will resign. The rumour that other Ministers will resign may be dismissed. Mr. Balfour certainly is no longer opposed to compulsion. (Continued on page 311.)

WIREGRAMS NEWS FOR BUSY DAYS.

CONDENSED.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

America's Embassy.
Some time ago Reuters' Washington correspondent telegraphed that Colonel House, a friend of President Wilson, would shortly proceed to Europe, at President Wilson's request to deliver to certain American Ambassadors information regarding the attitude of the American Government concerning various pending questions. It was stated that the journey was in any way a peace mission. The news has now been published that the emissary to the Ambassadors has left, and on the same steamer—armed with a safe conduct passport from the British Government—is the notorious German attaché, Roy Ed, who by his intrigues made it impossible for the Washington ambassador to tolerate his presence in the country any longer. The question now remains as to whether the veil will be lifted upon the mission of Colonel House.

Daily Press.

Condemned to Death for Saving Life.
The execution at Brussels of Miss Edith Cavell, by order of a German Court Martial, has horrified the world as a needless piece of brutality. As far as is known Miss Cavell's offence was in assisting British and French soldiers to escape from Belgium, a crime, it seems which is punishable by death under German military law. Miss Cavell fully admitted the charges against her and it is to be presumed that the Court had no option but to pass the death sentence. The astonishing fact is that no time was allowed for appeal to the Emperor, and that the execution was carried out with such haste that even those who are in charge of British interests in Belgium were kept in the dark till the last moment. It would even seem that had the American Minister not received private information, the execution would have been effected without his knowledge, in spite of promises made before hand that he should be fully informed as to the course of events.

China Mail.

Principle of Compulsion Adopted.
Through no official announcement is to hand at time of writing, it is clear that the British Cabinet, after an exhaustive discussion of the results of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign, has decided to fulfil the pledge given by the Prime Minister to the members of the United Kingdom that the single men shall be first drawn upon to meet military necessities. It would appear that there are upwards of 650,000 single men in the United Kingdom who have not attested their willingness to serve in the defence of their country. If it is true that the Prime Minister was able to persuade a Cabinet in which a substantial majority was hostile to the principle of compulsion that the analysis of the recruiting returns shows the desirability of if we may not say the urgent necessity for an immediate adoption of the principle of compulsion, so far as unmarried men are concerned, it is, at least, eloquent of the state of public feelings on the subject.

Great Masonic Temple in Washington.
The new \$2,000,000 Masonic Temple, headquarters of the Supreme Council of Scotland, Blue Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States was dedicated on Wednesday, August 13th, 1914. The temple is situated on a hill overlooking the city of Washington, and is one of the most magnificent structures of the modern world.

GENERAL NEWS

Dr. H. C. Adams.
Dr. H. C. Adams, adviser to the Ministry of Communications, left Peking on December 22 for Hankow and after staying there for a week will go to Shanghai en route to America.

Returning to Peking.
Dr. John G. Ferguson is returning to Peking about the middle of January, says an exchange. It is said that he has been offered the post of Councillor—Ku Wen—in the Chengchikang.

Big Fire in Tokyo.
A fortnight ago a fire broke out at Sengedai, Shingawa, Tokyo, and 45 houses were destroyed before the flames were subdued. Two firemen were injured while combating the flames.

Tragic Squad to Arrest.
Lisbon, November 22.—The Englishman, Trebbach, who was charged with stealing 4,600 from the Rio Tinto Company, was yesterday landed from the liner Antony and conveyed to hospital in a serious condition, having, it is alleged, attempted to commit suicide.

Where War Bonds is Barred.
The Insurance Commissioners have refused to allow the London Insurance Committee to give war bonuses to certain members of the staff, pointing out the urgent need for economy by public bodies, and suggesting that extra money should only be given for extra work.

Anti-Asiatic Laws in America.
A San Francisco despatch to the Hawaii Shipper states that a resolution calling upon the Federal Government to take steps to more effectively enforce the laws against the introduction of Asiatic labour into the United States was passed on Nov. 20 by the delegates at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labour.

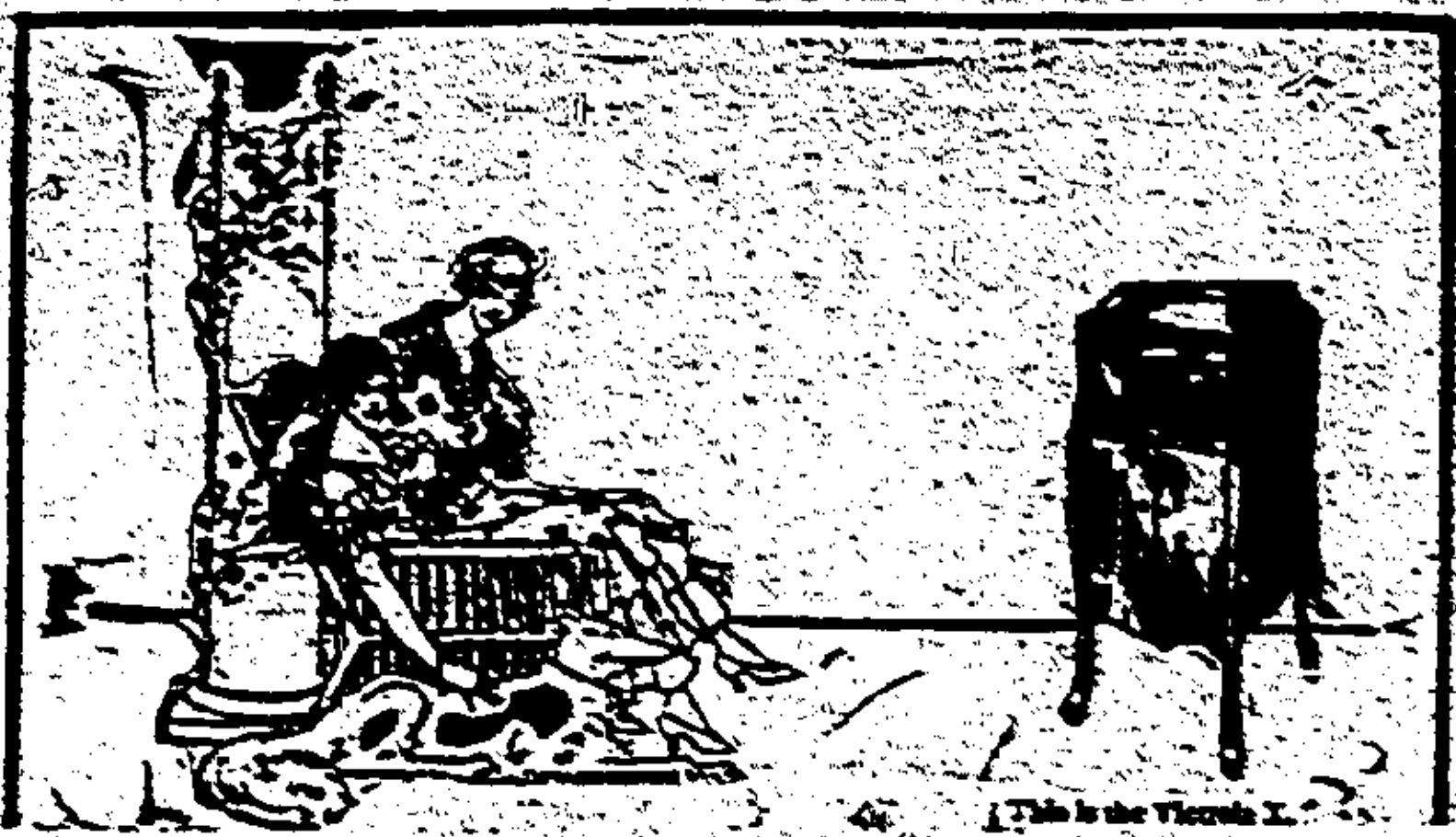
Education in China.
According to the report of the Ministry of Education, China has at present 11 universities, 21 colleges, 7 technical schools, 3 medical colleges, 415 normal schools, 502 middle schools, 50,071 primary schools, 985 half-day schools, 85 military schools, 32 industrial schools, 49 law schools, and 72 schools established by foreigners.

55 Fines for Praising the Kaiser.
Marian Conrad, or Bush, a lodginghouse keeper, of Elphinstone road, Southsea, was fined £5 at Portsmouth recently under the Defence of the Realm Act. Mrs. Brooks, wife of Commander Kennedy Brooks, R.N., and Mrs. Harris, wife of Major Alexander Harris, R.E., who were staying in her house, gave evidence that she said she would like to put a bullet through the Kaiser and that the Kaiser was a better man.

Well-Known Catholic Bishop's Death.
The death occurred last month at Lisieux, Calvados, of the Right Rev. Dr. Cathbert Hadley, Roman Catholic Bishop of Newport. Dr. Hadley, who was 78 years of age, was born at Morpeth, Northumberland, the son of a medical practitioner, and educated at Ampleforth College. In 1854 he entered the English Congregation of Benedictines, and was ordained in 1862. In 1880 he succeeded to the Bishopric of Newport and Monmouth, having previously been Suffragan Bishop of Newport. He was a Latin scholar of European reputation, and a translator of Paganini's into English.

Magistrate's Record to Young Men.
The Hon. John de Grey, the West London magistrate, recently refused the application made by two young men for him to sign recommendations for passports. "I do not know him," remarked the magistrate emphatically as each applicant stepped into the witness-box. In the second case the magistrate pointed out that it was a recommendation for a passport and not the actual passport which the young men wanted signing. Mr. de Grey (with decision): "I shall not recommend anybody whom I do not know. I quite understand."

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GENERAL NEWS.

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Dr. Macnamara, replying to a question by Mr. Bowenman states that the Board of Inventions has received proposals from some 8,000 inventors many of whom have sent in several different proposals. The proportion of possibly useful inventions is small.

Proposed Customs Union.
The Council of the London Chamber of Commerce, while offering no opinion, at the present stage, as to the advisability or otherwise of a proposed Customs Union between Great Britain and her Allies, has decided to organize a competition, by means of essays, designed to show the best method of forming such a Union after the war.

Lady Poe's Dream.
Lady Poe, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Sir H. H. Poole, was fined a guinea at Ex-shbourne recently for showing from the window of her room at the Marlborough Hotel a light visible from the sea. A police-constable stated that at 4.45 on the morning of November 2 he saw a light shining from two windows of an upper room at the hotel. The blinds were not drawn. He called the night porter's attention to this, and later saw the defendant, who said she had had a dreadful dream. She swore not knowing where she was or what she was doing and turned the light on. She did not tell him what the dream was.

The Peking Customs Cooles.
The Peking Police Headquarters owing to the constant trouble arising with the ricksha coolies, has now issued new regulations, says the Peking Daily News. Each coolie is required to pay a certain amount for which the Police Department will supply him with a uniform on which will be in large characters his number and other identifying marks. A record will be kept of the name, address, etc., of each coolie so that in the event of anything happening making an investigation necessary everything will have been done to facilitate it. Orders have been issued to the ricksha coolies that they must obey the new regulations.

Port Hospital says:—A Portuguese set on foot in Portugal for arranging hospital accommodation for British wounded from the Dardanelles and from Serbia. Seven Portuguese watering-places have been selected as suitable localities for the reception of our casualties; and the Government has, it is said, offered to make structural alterations of any building offered by private generosity in order to fit them for hospital purposes. Hotels, sanatoria, and hospitals are being inspected in order to determine their suitability for such conversion. In addition to this, it has been proposed in the Portuguese Parliament that all the public sanatoria and grounds in the island of Madeira be handed over to the British Red Cross Society for the duration of the war, and even that there shall be a suspension of import duties on all necessary stores and supplies.

GENERAL NEWS.

Prince Tokahito.
Baron Hatake, Japanese Minister for the Imperial Household, announces that the infant Prince, born on the 2nd instant, has been named Tokahito and will be known as Sumino-Miya, says the Japan Chronicle. On the 8th instant an interesting ceremony was held at the Aoyama Palace on the occasion of the naming of the young Prince. His Majesty, the Emperor, despatched Prince Takamasa, Grand Chamberlain, to Aoyama, bearing the Emperor's autograph letter in which the name of the prince was written.

The Asiatic Daily News reports:—Vice-Admiral Li Ting-hsin will be dealt with and cashiered and will be deprived of the brevet rank of the full Admiral, whilst Hsu Chen-pang will be summarily cashiered. Chen Tse-mei, Tseng Chi-tang and Li Chu-miao, the naval cadets on the cruiser Chaocho who caused the trouble, have been sent up to Peking where they will be tried at the Ministry of Navy. Vice-Admiral Tseng Chao-ling, the Vice-Minister of the Navy, has been appointed the Commander of the Training Squadron in place of Vice-Admiral Hsu Chen-pang.

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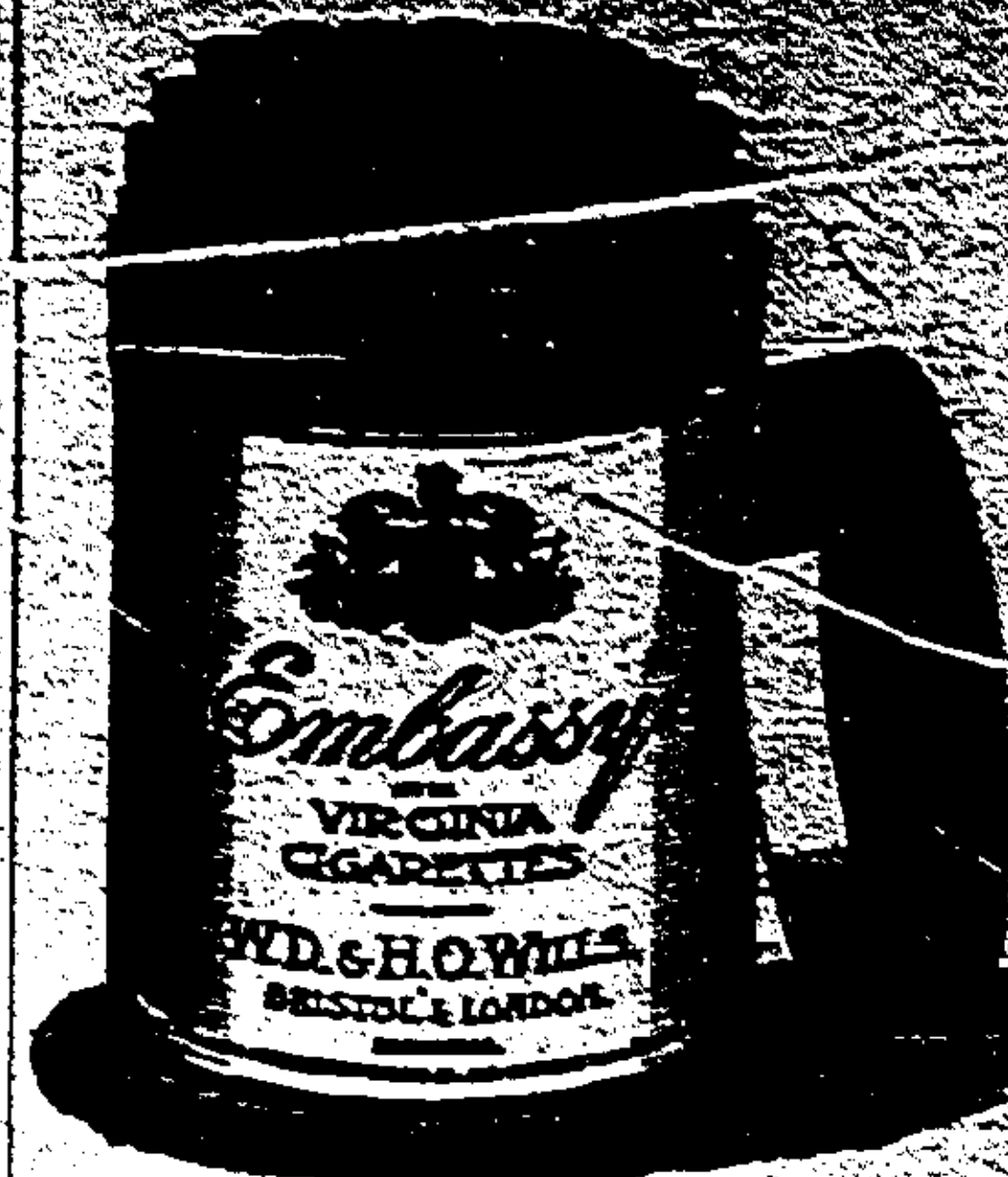
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BIRTHS.

BRAGA. On 29th December at 5 Observatory Villas Kowloon, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Braga, a daughter.
FRISNETTE. On December 22, 1915, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Frisnette, a son.

MARRIAGE.

THOMASSELIGER. On December 23, 1915, at H.R.M. Consulate General, and at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, before the Rev. W. H. Price, Herbert Thomas, son of the late John L. Thomas, of Liverpool, to Marie Chrystal Luise Seliger, younger daughter of Friedrich W. C. Seliger, of Berlin.

DEATH.

BLISS. On December 23, 1915, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Venetia May, the beloved wife of Leonard Bliss.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1915.

"OH, WHAT A FALLING OFF WAS THERE!"

A newly arrived Home paper gives some somewhat startling figures in connection with the Daily Mail's circulation, which show that, in the course of the five months May to September, that circulation fell from 1,227,504 copies a day to 1,089,359—a drop of over 138,000. The same paper informs us that the Daily News, which may be regarded as, in all respects, the opposition paper, contrived to raise its daily sales during the same period from 680,032 to 800,000. Under ordinary circumstances there might be little in these comparative statements to interest readers whose life and business are bound up with the Far East; but it happens that, in this particular case, the whole point of the matter turns on the war and the attitude taken therein by certain sections of the press.

When, some few months ago, Reuter stated that the Northcliffe press had gained an undesirable notoriety by vilifying Earl Kitchener, we made bold to suggest that the effect of such a policy would declare itself before very long in the sales of those papers that followed it. At the time, it will be remembered, Stock Exchange men in London showed what they felt in the matter by publicly burning the Daily Mail. Lord Northcliffe is known to be one of the cleverest exponents of the fine art of advertising in the world, but for once he has made an enormous—perhaps an irretrievable—mistake. His special genius lay in seeing what a very large proportion of the public wanted, and giving it to them; which, perhaps, is but another way of saying that he was shrewd enough to turn the people's amiable weaknesses against themselves. With the poor system of education that obtains there, England is essentially the home of the small-minded; of those who love the superficial and the obvious; and the Harmsworth ability to supply both in vast quantities has never been denied. To exploit small-mindedness is a fine thing while it lasts; but Britain, of late, has been passing through a period of its existence which left it but little leisure or zest for Daily Mail journalism; and when, to the known absurdities of that periodical, wholesale libels of the greatest soldier of modern times were added, is it any wonder that the public cried: "Hold, or aught!"

One man's loss is usually another's gain, and even those who dissent most strongly from the past policy of the Daily News will not grudge it its rise in life at the expense of its adversary. It is true that, when war first broke out, our Radical friend was publishing huge "Stop the War" advertisements; but it speedily saw the error of its ways and is, at the present moment, less near to being objectionable from a political point of view than it has ever been before. Unluckily when the Daily News became a halfpenny paper it speedily began to lose its old journalistic value. It was always rabid, more or less, even as a penny publication, but its reports, criticisms and literary articles were many miles ahead of anything that the halfpenny papers, no matter what their politics, have ever been able to give us. Will it make use of its new popularity to try and feel its way back to its old influential days—the days of James Fyfe or of H. W. Lunn and "Q"? People would put up with its politics if it would set out to give the lie to the generally-accepted belief at home that it is impossible to "run" a halfpenny paper that shall contain no journalism of the cheap and nasty order.

The Truck Tragedy.

It is a thousand pities that, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, no case could be found against the coolie who was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the recent fatal truck accident in Kowloon. Apparently there was no absolutely direct evidence of negligence—that is to be explained from the fact that there was no actual eye-witness of the happening—but there was surely sufficient circumstantial testimony to justify a verdict of guilty. The medical evidence was to the effect that, from the nature of the deceased's injuries, the truck must have been travelling at an excessive speed, and, inasmuch as the prisoner was one of the men in charge of the vehicle, one would have thought the jury would have had no difficulty in finding that a degree of responsibility for the tragedy rested on him. There was nothing in the case to show that the deceased lady was at fault, and, as the incident occurred in broad daylight, it is surely a safe assumption that the negligence of the coolie was the cause of the tragedy.

Fears for the Future.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact, too, that of the six truck coolies only one could be traced. These vehicles are licensed, and there certainly should be some means of keeping a check on the men into whose charge they are given. One of the statements made by the prisoner appeared to the probability that the brakes of the truck were not effective. He stated that the master should have been in the dock, since it was his duty to see that the brakes were in order. And, if it were the case that the brakes were defective, the wonder is that the master was not charged, not in place of the prisoner, but along with him. The case was brought not only to secure the punishment of the guilty, but also as an object lesson to truck coolies that they should exercise a larger measure of care when on the streets. The public does not require to be told that the utmost carelessness and recklessness are displayed by these coolies; we have had ample evidence of that in the past. And our only fear is that, after the lenient view taken by the jury in this tragic case, the dangers will increase rather than diminish in the future.

On the Trail.

We made reference the other day in this column to the ease with which Chinese obtain possession of dangerous explosives such as dynamite. Yesterday a case came before the Bench which threw some light on the subject. The leakage, judging from the facts brought out in this instance, occurs in connection with blasting operations, the men whose duty it is to fill the holes being in the habit of smuggling as many sticks of dynamite as they can gain possession of. If the matter were probed into, it would most likely be found that these men carry on quite a business with the explosives which they are able to get into their hands in this way. Be that as it may, we quite appreciate the difficulty of getting at the root of the matter, and we can only add that the police are to be commended for having got so far on the right track in their endeavours to prevent these dangerous substances from getting into the hands of those who could be depended upon to use them for their own dastardly purposes.

TWO JOLLY TARS.

It has since transpired that the two jolly tars who made a tour of the hotels and other places, on Christmas Day, where they made a collection for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Cigarette Fund, were Messrs. McMillan and Head, and they were successful in collecting the exceedingly nice little sum of \$37.32, which amount will be forwarded to the Secretary of the principal Fund in due course.

DAY BY DAY

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING
SO TO DAY OFFICIAL BIRNING,
AND SHALL BE FOREVERMORE,
Kipling.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 53; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 63; fine.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Closed to-day per s.s. Singkang 3 p.m.
Siberian Mail.—Due to-morrow per s.s. Yngchow.
English Mail.—Closed to-day per s.s. Nankin 2 p.m.
European Mail.—Due to-morrow per s.s. Atlanta Mara.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 35th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to the East India Company. Seizure of Opium.
Revenue officer Wilden this morning made a seizure of 254 lbs. of prepared opium off the s.s. Heiching.

Chinese Return Home.
The s.s. Glenfalloch, arrived in Port this morning from Singapore, having on board 236 Chinese passengers.

Departed.
Mr. W. T. Harbord, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, departed by the Home-going P. and O. steamer Nankin to-day.

Kailan Output.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 18, 1915 amounted to 82,315 tons and the sales during the period, to 57,704 tons.

A Passenger's Heavy Loss.
It has been reported to the Police by a Chinese passenger on the Kiyo Maru that between the 22nd and the 24th, while in Moji harbour or at sea, some person stole from his boxes in the cabin \$2,500 in money.

Very Strong Monsoon Reported.
The s.s. Glenfalloch, which has arrived in port to-day from Singapore, having taken nine days to do the run, reports that she encountered very strong monsoons from Singapore to the Paracels with very high seas. From thence to Hongkong it gradually got finer.

Rifted Luggage.
Mr. F. K. Keith, a visitor at the Hongkong Hotel, has reported to the police that between the 22nd ult. and the 29th inst. some person stole from his luggage either during the journey from Nagasaki to Hongkong or at the T. K. K.'s Godown at West Point, a tortoiseshell toilet set and cigarette case value \$280.

A Dangerous Practice.
At the Marine Court, this morning Commander Beckwith, in the case of three Chinese who were charged with boarding a vessel while she was under way, said that this was a revival of a dangerous practice which he had thought he had put a stop to in the Colony. The defendants would be sent to prison for two months.

Opium Possession.
A quartermaster on board the Japanese boat Kigo Maru at Yau-mat was charged, before Mr. Hazeland this morning, with the unlawful possession of 7½ taels of opium, valued \$60. The information was laid by F. S. Grant, and the defendant, who admitted the charge, was fined \$200, or two months' hard labour.

Calendars.
We have to acknowledge the receipt of extremely dainty calendars from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co. (the State Assurance Co.) the Vacuum Oil Co., Messrs. Loxley and Co. ("Izal"), Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. (the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.), and a neat little pocket diary from Messrs. Dodwell and Co., the local agents of the Phoenix Assurance Co.

Pick Pocket Caught.
A Chinese was charged this morning, before Mr. Wood, with attempting to steal a wallet containing \$320 from the Secretary of a Chinese firm in Wing Lok Street. The complainant stated that the wallet was in his breast pocket and suddenly he felt a hand there. He seized hold of the hand and later gave the prisoner over to the district watchman. There was a previous conviction against the man and he was sent to prison for six months with hard labour.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE RUSSIANS.

The "Westminster's" Statement.
What Mr. Asquith refrains from telling us, concerning the number of single men whom, apparently, nothing but force will affect, is now told us by the leading Radical paper—the Westminster Gazette. According to that journal "the number of unattested single men is much greater than was anticipated, amounting to six hundred and fifty thousand, very few of whom are in Government," "starred" or indispensable industries; all of which is an amusing comment on Mr. Asquith's recent statement that the Derby recruiting scheme had been an unqualified success. Have we not almost had enough of the Premier's methods of letting us down gently? As a precursor of the Westminster's assertion (which, by the way, has the aroma of Government inspiration about it) comes Mr. Asquith's announcement to his colleagues that "a measure of compulsion" would be necessary. Will the men of his school ever learn to call a spade a spade? In the past they have certainly shown themselves masters in the suppression of the true and the suggestion of the false; but that sort of policy does not carry a country very far. At present Mr. Asquith is very hard at work proving to the world that he is not the man for the job; the pity is that the nation ever allowed itself to be lulled into the belief that he was. The men whom one pities most in all this are the army and navy chiefs; and we are inclined to think that, at the present moment, Earl Kitchener were to walk into the House, Cromwell-like, with a few soldiers behind him, and clear the whole place out, determining to run the country himself for a while, he would find plenty of sympathisers.

The Gallant 650,000.
As for these six hundred and fifty thousand nice young men who are willing to loaf at home in safety while other men are fighting for them—what sort of soldiers are they going to make when "a measure of compulsion" is applied to them? We Britishers know that they are not far off specimens by which to judge; but the enemy and the neutral nations, and perhaps some of our allies, do not know this; and we have the immense satisfaction of feeling that the magnificent heroism of our men in the trenches is being liberally discounted by the story of these hundreds of thousands of young men at home who are afraid to fight. There has never been a more galling moment in the history of the Empire. Moralists may tell us that it is good that some of the conceit should be taken out of us, and doubtless they would be right; but it is a bitter pill for us of an older generation to swallow. The Radicals, grandmotherly legislators, peace maniacs, humanitarians, trade-unionists and anti-this-and-that-and-the-other orators ought to be proud of their work. Everyone with any sense always knew what was bound to happen (if ever the Empire was faced with a big war) as a result of a generation of crank teaching.

It was only to be supposed that a people who could find time to listen to and to encourage, every craze from anti-violence to suffragism and from anti-flogging in schools, to anti-capital punishment—everything, in fact, that would rob the rising generation of its necessary animalism and moral vigour—would hardly produce soldiers; but what has happened is even worse than one anticipated.

The Russians and Varna.
Let us hope that the statement about the bombardment of Varna is a true one. A week ago we were told that this port had been practically blown off the earth and that the Russians had landed there. A few days later Reuter informed us that there was no truth in the statement that our allies had effected a landing. Now we learn that Varna has been "again bombarded." Is a contradiction to follow? Seeing how very obvious a thing it was that the Russians should attack Bulgaria on her Black Sea coast, one would have thought that at least some outline of her reasons for refraining therefrom would have been given us. It is almost time that some steps were taken to remedy the disaster of the Balkan campaign.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 30, 1914.

American Protest to Britain.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the U. S. Government has sent a long Note to Britain insisting on an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British Fleet.

The Note warns Britain that much feeling has been aroused by unwarranted interference with legitimate trade, and the United States Government feels compelled to ask for definite information of Britain's attitude in order to take measures to protect the rights of American citizens. Numerous specific cases of detention and seizures of cargoes are cited. The Note declares that the representations are made in a friendly spirit, but the United States considers best to speak in terms of frankness, lest silence should be considered acquiescence in a policy which has infringed the rights of American citizens.

The chief difficulty is the moral effect of the practice on American exporters, who are restrained from taking risks which should not surround legitimate trade between the United States and other neutral countries. The Note is practically intended for all the nations of the Triple Entente.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that the Note adds, with reference to the detention of American ships at sea, that the Government cannot tolerate undue delays in examining or conveying to British ports for detailed examination, and argues that proof of the hostile destination of the cargo must be evidenced at the time of the searchment on the sea. The presumption of guilt cannot rest with neutral shippers, but the burden of proof must be imposed on any belligerent interfering therewith.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Tons	152	150	138	151	150	138	148	149	147	148	152	151	151	158	148	143	146	144	145	142	138	138	125	130	151	141	166	148	
Total to 29th inst.	4,100																												
Daily average	148.42																												

A BOLD THIEF.

Posed as the Gas-man.

A case was heard at the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Wood, in which it transpired that a Chinese, representing to be employed at the Gas Works, went into a shop in Gough Street armed with a large pair of pincers and began to remove some gas pipes and unrequited connections. The shopkeeper became suspicious and took the man to the police station where he admitted that he was an unemployed blacksmith. A representative of the Gas Company stated that thefts of this kind were getting very common of late.
Mr. Wood sentenced the prisoner to three months' hard labour.

PILFERING OF DYNAMITE.

Mr Hazeland on How to Prevent It.

The case, which we reported yesterday, in which two Chinese were charged with stealing two sticks of dynamite from Wing On, who is carrying out the work of building the new reservoir at Pokfulam, was concluded before Mr. Hazeland this morning.

The first defendant, sworn, said that five sticks of dynamite were supplied him to fill up holes made for blasting. He had used four and was going to use the other when he was arrested.

His Worship pointed out that the witnesses for the prosecution said the prisoners were going down the hill to fill up holes.

D. S. Clark said the witnesses were hostile as they were "all in the swim," including the Chinese foreman, Mr. Wing On, who as much as a case a month, which was 400 sticks.

His Worship said the only way for the sticks to be checked was for the head man to go round and see for himself whether there were holes or no.

The second defendant said that he was given the stick by the foreman.

His Worship said it seemed quite clear that the prisoners were given the sticks by the contractor and could not be found guilty of stealing, but only of receiving. He proposed to convict them of receiving but, taking into consideration all the circumstances, he would bind them over in the sum of \$100 each to come up for judgment if called upon in regard to that sort of stealing. He thought the only way to prevent it was for an absolutely reliable man to go round and count the holes and dole out the number of sticks required. If that were not done, the stealing would go on for ever and a day.

INDIAN CONSTABLE CHARGED.

A Serious Allegation.

Indian Constable B420 was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with misconduct while on duty.

In asking for a remand for a week, Inspector O'Sullivan said that the complainants reported that on the 25th instant they were walking along Lyttelton Road towards Babbington Path when the constable stopped them and asked where they were going. They replied that they were going for a walk, and the constable said they could not walk there, but must go to the station with him. They accompanied him part of the way, when the constable said that if they came before the magistrate the man would be fined \$20 and the lady \$10, but he would let them go if they gave him \$10. This the man did, but later reported the matter to the Police, when the O.S.P. decided to charge the constable.

Inspector O'Sullivan said it was impossible to go on with the case now, as the lady had gone away into the country and would not be back until sometime next week.

The remand was granted, bail being allowed in the sum of \$25.

AN IMPUDENT THEFT.

A Trick Which Did Not Work.

Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court a Chinese was charged with stealing a bag and its contents, valued \$171.

The facts as stated by Inspector Macdonald, were that the complainant intended going to Tai-po by train and arrived with his brother at the Star Ferry Wharf. He went to buy a ticket, leaving his brother with the bag, complainant sitting on a seat with the bag by his side. The defendant came up and told the man with the bag that there was some dirt on his side. When he turned round to look, the defendant picked up the bag and ran away. He was just going off in a rickshaw when arrested.

The offence was admitted, and the man was sentenced to six weeks, with hard labour, and four hours' stocks.

TELEGRAMS.

CHARTERED BANK.

The New Peking Branch.

(Renter's Service To The "Telegraph.")
London, December 11.
Officials of the Local Party gave a luncheon on the 29th inst. to celebrate the opening of the Peking branch of the Chartered Bank.

The function was attended by Sir John Jordan and a representative of President Yuan Shih-kai, who sent a message of congratulation.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jerkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Parades, Etc.
Sunday, January 2nd—Church Parade of Band and No 2 Company. Fall in at 9 a.m.
Monday, January, 3rd—No 3 Company and Ambulance Company, 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday, January, 4th—No 1 Company, 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday, January, 5th—No 2 Company, 5.30 p.m.
Thursday, January, 6th—No 4 Company and Recruits of all Companies 5.30 p.m.
Note—Uniform, caps with covers, rifles and ammunition on the Parades of Jan. 3rd to 6th.
Musketry Course Part I.
All Inspectors and Sergeants are warned to keep Sunday, Jan. 9th, free for Part II.
Uniform will be worn by all ranks firing this Part. Absentees will be treated as defaulters.
Joined.
No. 1 Platoon, No. 1 Company.—M. P. Beattie.

HARBOUR OFFICE.

Masters, Mates and Engineers Examinations.

The following are the successful candidates in the above examinations held at the Harbour Office during the month of December 1916:—

Rafael Jose Del Pan, for 2nd Class Engineer, passed on the 1st December.
Indrik Kizis for 1st Mate, passed on the 4th December.
George Gould, for Master, passed on the 14th December.
William Cullen, for 2nd Mate, passed on the 14th December.
John Joseph Brooks, for 1st Class Engineer, passed on the 15th December.
Hugh Tulloch, for 2nd Class Engineer, passed on the 15th December.
Dennis Paul Bent, for 1st Mate, passed on the 23rd December.
James Ernest Harvey, for 1st Mate, passed on the 23rd December.

A WATCHMAN'S SUIT.

An Indian watchman named Santa Singh, in the employ of the Hongkong and Shanghai Dock Company, was charged before Mr. Wood this afternoon with converting to his own use a uniform suit, the property of the Company.

The facts of the case, as stated at a previous hearing, were to the effect that the man, to whom the suit was given to use while on duty, sold it to another man for \$2. Mr. J. H. Gardiner defended. At the conclusion of the evidence, his Worship said he did not think that he could convict the man of stealing the clothes but he had certainly not done right in saving up the suit and then selling it to another man. He did not think that the instructions given about the suits were very definite, and it would be just as well if the Dock Company would put the matter on a more systematic basis. But, apart from that, the defendant was not justified in converting the suit and then selling it. The defendant would be fined \$50.

NO PERMIT.

AN IMPORTANT SHIPPING CASE.

Export of Dyes to Canton.

A most interesting case to business firms was heard this morning at the Police Court, before Mr. Hazeland, in which Messrs Butterfield and Swire and Mr. Aitken, of Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, were charged with exporting four packages of dyes by the s.s. Fatsan to a destination other than the United Kingdom or a British possession, namely Canton, without having obtained a permit from the Governor so to do.

The representative for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire pleaded not guilty, Mr. Aitken admitting the offence.

Mr. G. N. Orme, who conducted the case for the Crown, said that he had two names entered on the summons as he did not know who was the responsible party in the matter. Now that the second defendant had admitted the responsibility he wished to withdraw the summons against Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

This his Worship agreed to. In stating the facts of the case, Mr. Orme said that on the 15th of this month Mr. Hutchison, the Superintendent of Exports and Imports at the Harbour Office, was rung up on the telephone by Mr. Aitken, from Holt's Wharf, who asked whether a permit was necessary for the export of paper and dyes. Mr. Hutchison replied that a permit was not necessary for the export of paper but was certainly necessary for dyes, and they would require full particulars to be supplied before they would grant a permit.

He refused to take the particulars over the telephone and told Mr. Holt to send in a proper application. On Thursday the 16th, an application came in and was referred to Mr. Hutchison, and he noticed some marks which belonged to a German firm at Canton. The application for the permit was signed by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and was for the Ocean Shipping Company. Mr. Hutchison then telephoned to Mr. Mrs. Butterfield and Swire and told an official of the Ocean Steamship Company that an application had been made for dyes which were prohibited and that shipment could not be allowed without full particulars. The application was then delayed, pending the arrival of the particulars. On the Friday morning, Mr. Hutchison had information that these goods had been shipped by the s.s. Fatsan. Neither the full particulars had been given nor the permit obtained.

Mr. Aitken said that he telephoned Mr. Hutchison and was told that paper did not require any permit but that dyes did. He sent in an application. On the following day he sent a bill to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire about the matter and the coolie came back saying that the answer was "Maskee." He must have misinterpreted that for he had the goods loaded on the lighter and heard nothing more. He realised now that he ought to have given instructions for the shipment of the paper and held back the dyes.

Mr. Orme said there was no suggestion in this case that the cargo was for an unlawful destination.

Mr. Aitken added that he was sending it for the Hongkong and Shanghai bank.

Mr. Orme said that the case was brought under the Military Stores (Regulation) Ordinance and it was a serious matter. Law were not complied with, were particularly mentioned, and they were mentioned very early in the war. If the leading firms did not set an example, considerable difficulty would be experienced by the authorities in seeing that these goods were properly checked before they were sent off.

Mr. Aitken said that what misled him a great deal was that the goods had been released by Commander Backwith, the Harbour Master. They had been Prize Court goods. Had it been otherwise they would have been more careful. They were acting under the instructions of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and were shipping them to the Canton Bank.

Mr. Hazeland imposed a fine of \$50 against Mr. Aitken.

A STRIKE AVERTED.

Amicable Arrangement Practically Reached between Marine Officers and Chinese Owners.

We stated yesterday that, owing to dissatisfaction of long standing on the part of the officers and engineers of certain Chinese-owned ships trading between Hongkong and Saigon, a strike had been decided upon.

The grievance, it seems, arose rather out of the owners' unwillingness to pay the rate of wage agreed upon as a minimum by the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Engineers' Institute than as the outcome of the much-voiced bonus question. The aggrieved officers were willing to forego the master of the bonus, provided a fixed wage on Guild and Institute rates was agreed to by the owners.

The ships concerned were the Leertes, Telamachus and Phenomenon (all the property of the Wo Fat Sing S.S. Company), and also the Derwent and the Kumchow.

The members of the Guild and of the Institute insisted that the rate of pay for captains should be \$35 per month, for chief engineers \$24, chief officers \$24, second officers \$19, second engineers \$24, and third engineers \$19. Up to the present, it appears, a captain's pay on these boats has been a somewhat movable feast—anything from \$30 upwards, while chief and second officers have received respectively \$21 and \$16, and chief, second and third engineers respectively \$28 to \$30, \$21 and \$16.

Up till after midday yesterday there was a feeling in the Colony that the position was a serious one, but, by evening, it was learned that at least some of the owners were prepared to give way. As often occurs where Chinese firms are concerned, the officers' main difficulty was to "get hold of the right man," one representative of the owners was said to be in Shanghai, and another some-where else.

This morning the "Telegraph" was informed that the owners of the Leertes, Telamachus and Phenomenon had agreed to the higher rate of wage. Far more opposition was anticipated from these than from the owners of the Derwent and the Kumchow; and the impression among the officers now is that the two last-named will make no difficulty over coming into line with the rest.

As we go to press we learn that the owners of the s.s. Derwent have also complied with the officers' demands.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,242

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ENEMY TRADING.

An application was made this morning to Mr. Hazeland to state a case in the summons of trading with the enemy against Messrs. Thomson and Company.

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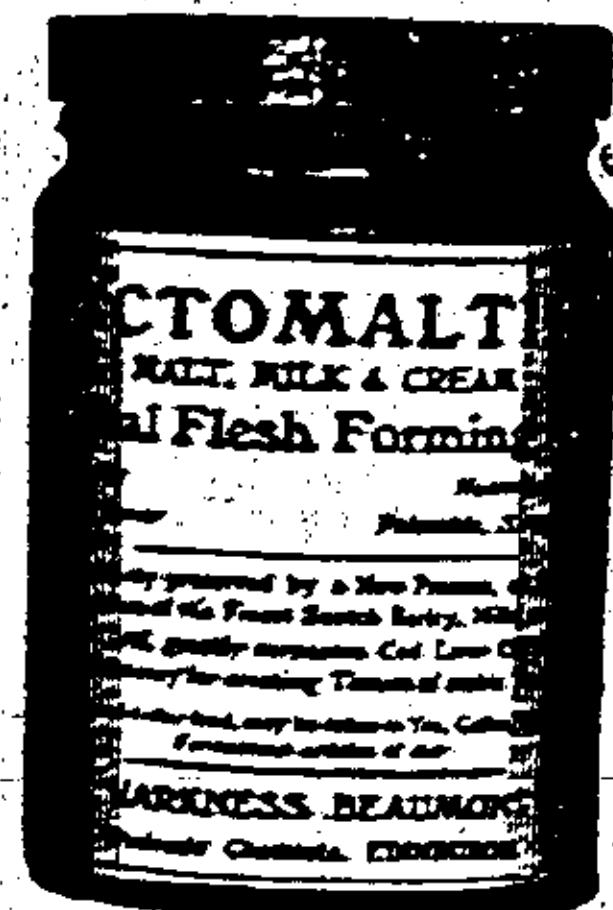
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By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1915.

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VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Yokohama	Sado Maru Capt. Asakawa T. 12,500 Iwa Maru Capt. T. Hori T. 12,500	SATUR. 15th Jan. at noon TUES. 25th Jan. at noon
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, and Townsville and Brisbane	Nikko Maru Capt. Takada T. 9,600 Hitachi Maru Capt. Tominaga T. 13,500	FRI. 14th Jan. at 4 p.m. TUES. 15th Feb. at 11 a.m.
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CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang & Rangoon	Ceylon Maru Capt. Fujino T. 10,900	SATURDAY, 8th Jan.
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SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Kawachi Maru Capt. Higo T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan.
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Australian Service with U.S. Announcement in regard to the resumption of direct service between Australian ports and Boston (Mass.). The steamers will use the Panama Canal route, which will greatly shorten the trip and enable them to make it in about forty days.

Built for the Chinese.

The Yangtze Engineering Works in Hankow has built three gun-boats for the Chinese Ministry of the Navy. Their names are given as Keng Shan, Chen Chang, and Young An, respectively. Each measures 110 ft. in length, 18 ft. 2 in. in breadth, 6 ft. 6 in. in depth; they draw 2 ft. of water and have a speed of 13 knots. Shipping and Engineering.

Japanese Shipping Subsidies.

On Friday (15th inst.), says the Japan Chronicle, the Department of Communications announced that the contracts for steamship subsidies for the London and Antwerp services, Engei and San Francisco services, the Western Coast service on the South American run, and the Melbourne service, which expires at the end of this month, would be renewed for another year on and from January 1.

O. S. K. "Tainan Maru" Docked at Kobe.

The O. S. K. Japan-Dairen liner "Tainan Maru," which sustained damage to her engine recently while on her way to this port, on arrival at Kobe recently under her own steam, was docked there for repairs. In consequence, she was obliged to cancel one round trip between Kobe and Dairen. The other three liners will manage to ply the service among themselves without a material change in the sailing schedule. — *Manchuria Daily News*.

Cargo of Prize Ship, Furth.

The Chief Justice of Ceylon presided at a prize court in Colombo on November 26 and disposed of a formal motion with regard to the "steamer" Furth. The motion was that all the cargo of the Furth not already condemned or released, with the exception of fifteen boxes of sleeping-bags, be condemned by the court default of the appearance and claim of the owners of the cargo, and be pronounced to have belonged at the time of capture and seizure to enemies of the crown of Great Britain, and as such or otherwise to be subject and liable to confiscation; and that the cargo be condemned as good and lawful prize. Further that the court direct that such cargo after condemnation be handed over to the principal collector of customs on behalf of the crown. The application was allowed.

New Icebreaker for Haibo Conservancy.

The official trials of the ice-breaker Chingling built to the order of the Haibo Conservancy for service at Tientsin were conducted at Shanghai last week. This vessel, says the *N. C. Daily News*, is the fourth icebreaker built by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works for this commission. The principal dimensions are 130 ft. long, 30 ft. beam, 11 ft. 6 in. depth moulded and is fitted with twin screw engines of 1,000 H.P. supplied with steam from two large cylindrical marine boilers. The trials proved eminently satisfactory and the vessel has now left for Tientsin to take up her duties. The order for this was placed with the builders. — *Taipei Sun*.

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which is a creditable performance under existing conditions. The owners were represented by Mr. Chas. H. Tricker, who supervised the construction of the hull and machinery. The Chingling is designed to counteract against ice to a thickness of six inches. The vessel built by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works for this commission. The principal dimensions are 130 ft. long, 30 ft. beam, 11 ft. 6 in. depth moulded and is fitted with twin screw engines of 1,000 H.P. supplied with steam from two large cylindrical marine boilers. The trials proved eminently satisfactory and the vessel has now left for Tientsin to take up her duties. The order for this was placed with the builders. — *Taipei Sun*.

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SHAL, Kobe & Moji	Thurs. 6th Jan. at d'light	
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San Francisco	Aratan	J. C. J. L.	9, Jan.
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San Francisco	Tjisondari	J. C. J. L.	11, Feb.
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Vancouver	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	24, Feb.
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San Francisco	Kavimoon	J. C. J. L.	13, Mar.
San Francisco	Tikembang	J. C. J. L.	11, Apr.
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Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Sandakan	Mansang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	1, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	1, Jan.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	2, Jan.
Batavia	Tiliwong	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tikembang	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
Manila, etc.	Taming	B. & S.	4, Jan.
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	4, Jan.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Fooksang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Singapore & Bombay	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	5, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	K'kura M.	N. Y. K.	5, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama	Nellore	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	8, Jan.
Calcutta etc.	Ceylon M.	N. Y. K.	8, Jan.
Kobe	Tibodas	J. C. J. L.	9, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Mongara	P. & O.	9, Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	"Van S."	J. C. J. L.	10, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Manila and South African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	25, Jan.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer "ANTO MAKU" will leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.

The P. & O. steamer "TENTY MARY" will leave Hongkong on the 30th Nov. at noon. This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer "MONTEAGLE" will leave Hongkong on Wednesday the 2nd Dec. and is due to arrive Vancouver on Saturday the 1st January.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Australian Oriental Line steamer "CHANGSHA" will leave Hongkong via usual Australian and Philippine ports on the 24th inst. and may be expected to arrive on or about 15th January.

MERCHANT STEAMER.

The I. C. S. N. steamer "KUTSANG" from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 4th January.

The B. & S. steamer "INVERIC" arrived at San Francisco on the 25th inst.

The steamer "TONGKING" is due to arrive here from Saigon via Singapore on 4th of January and will most probably proceed again to Shanghai and Japan on the same day.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

From Br. ste. 6,256, G. L. Scout, 23rd Dec.

Salamis Br. ste. 4,509, D. Gardner, 24th Dec.

Kaga Maru Jap. ste. 3,533, B. Zundl, 24th Dec.

Tosman, Chinese ste. 245, J. Mackie, 24th Dec.

Bombay Maru Jap. ste. 3,136, T. Terander, 24th Dec.

Phanpang Br. ste. 1,153, Y. C. Bird, 26th Dec.

Namsang Br. ste. 2,591, H. E. Gilroy, 26th Dec.

Loongsang Br. ste. 1,033, Leant, 27th Dec.

Manila Maru Jap. ste. 6,031, Kobayashi, 27th Dec.

Derwent Br. ste. 1,562, J. Jenkins, 28th Dec.

Haiyang Br. ste. 1,362, A. E. Hodgins, 28th Dec.

Moreby Br. ste. 1,333, Thornton, 28th Dec.

Kato Maru Jap. ste. 2,116, D. Imaidumi, 28th Dec.

Kumsang Br. ste. 2,071, Knight, 30th Dec.

Glenfalloch Br. ste. 1,624, McKenna, 30th Dec.

Otam Maru No. 2, Jap. ste. 1,370, T. Yoshida, 29th Dec.

Frishtof, Norw. ste. 1,383, 30th Dec.

Bangkok, 19th Dec. Rice-Chinese.

VESSELS DUE.

Agency	Vessel's Name	Tonnage	Date of Arrival
B. & S.	Helene	7,355	Dec. 31
J. C. J. L.	Tiliwong	7,355	Dec. 31
B. & S.	Hyson	6,688	Dec. 31
S. T. & Co.	Kathamba	4,104	Dec. 31
P. & O.	Nellore	8,000	Jan. 1
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,000	Jan. 1
J. M. & Co.	Kumsang	12,500	Jan. 1
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1915

More Men Must Come In.

VOLUNTARY ORDERS.

SHARE MARKET.

Quotations.

Up to the Minute.—
Dongkias—\$104½, buyers.
Indo-Chinas (Combined)—
\$172, buyers.
Indo-Chinas (Deferred)—\$117,
buyers.
Rarba—\$349, sales.
Kowloon Dock—\$86, buyers.
Ewea—\$137½, buyers.
Cementa—\$18 30, sales and
buyers.
Electrics—\$44, sales.

SHARE MARKET NEWS

Messrs. Wright and Hornby have received a telegram from London stating that rubber has advanced to 4/- per lb.

A telegram has also been received from Shanghai to the effect that Kung Yiks have declared a dividend of Tls. 14; the books will be closed on January 7.

THOUGHTS ON CENSORS.

Mr. Birrell and the Banning
of Poetry.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

Annual Christmas Treat to Children.

About one hundred children were given their annual Christmas treat by the members of the Civil Service Cricket Club on the latter's ground this afternoon. Amongst those present were Lady M., the Misses May, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham, and Mr. J. R. Wood.

During the afternoon the band of the 74th Punjab played a very enjoyable programme of music. The excellent arrangements were made by the following committee—The Misses R. S. Thornhill and McLeod, Messrs. Thornhill, Bond, Berne and Hill. This Committee also undertook the decorating of the Christmas Tree, which was a very pretty sight. Tea was provided for the visitors. A great deal of amusement was caused by Messrs. Ward and McKillop, who were dressed as clowns. There was a shooting the shoot and a coconut shy.

Lady May presented the gifts to the children, and afterwards was handed a beautiful bouquet by Miss Iris Thornhill.

ANOTHER BANNED BOOK

Mr. Ceradoc Evans and the
Welsh Peasantry.

OUR SPORTS LETTER.

(Continued from Page 10.)

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Major Walsman, Commanding H.K.V.R., were:—

Prisoners of War Camp Guard & Gun Club Hill Detachment, As in Corps Order No. 98.

Parades.

"C" Co. will parade on the Cricket ground on Monday the 3rd January at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

"B" Co. will parade on the Cricket ground on Wednesday the 5th January at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

"A" Co. will parade on the Cricket ground on Friday the 7th Jan'y. at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Recruits will parade on the Cricket Ground on Monday the 3rd Jan'y. Wednesday the 5th Jan'y. and Thursday the 6th Jan'y. at 5.15 p.m. under Sergt. Major Bond. Dress: drill order.

The Signalling Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday the 3rd Jan'y. Wednesday the 5th Jan'y. and Friday the 7th January at 5.15 p.m. Uniform to be worn.

Medical Certificates.

Members are reminded that only medical certificates granted by the Medical Officers of the H.K.V.C. or H.K.V.R. can be recognised. Surgeon Capt. Hurton will attend members at his consulting rooms Alexandria Buildings at 12.30 p.m. daily (Sunday excepted) and at the same place at 6 p.m. daily (Sundays excepted). Members requiring certificates are requested to attend at the latter hour except in urgent cases. Recruits wishing to be passed, will attend at 6 p.m. Telephone No. 2. Surgeon Lieut. Moore will attend members at the Government Civil Hospital between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. daily or at other hours by appointment telephone No. 80. Recruits wishing to be passed will attend at the same hour.

Field Exercises.

Field Exercises will be carried out during January as under:—

"A" Co. January 9th
"C" Co. January 18th
"B" Co. January 23rd

Further orders will be issued by Orderly Sergeant.

Orderly Sergeant from morning of Sunday the 2nd January to the morning of Saturday the 8th January: Sergt. A. C. Franklin.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong.

2nd Sunday after Christmas
2nd January, 1916. Holy Communion (8.5 a.m.). Matins (10 a.m.) Responses: Psalm: Verse: Goss. Psalms: 20. Deum: Oakley in F. Jubilate Onseley in G. Anthem: Saviour of the World. G. Holy Communion (12 noon). Hymn: 72. N.R. Psalm: verses 1, 5, 9, in unison. Psalms 72, 1, 4, 2, in unison. G. Hymn: The King. Psalms 118, 119, 130, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 80

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THE CAPE ROUTE

December 29, 8:20 p.m.
Owing to the loss of the Yankin Maru, the steamer belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will go henceforth via the Cape.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

GENERAL TOWNSEND'S REPORT.

December 29, 9:10 p.m.
General Townsend officially reports that the attack and bombardment has entirely ceased since the 25th inst.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MONTENEGRINS REPULSE AUSTRIAN ATTACKS.

December 30, 2:35 a.m.
According to a Montenegro communique, the Austrian force and fleet bombarded the Montenegrin positions near Mount Lovcen and pounded the Montenegrins for fifteen hours with 2,000 heavy shells, simultaneously launching determined infantry attacks. All were repulsed. The Montenegrins had two killed and two wounded. The Austrians lost 2,000 in a great fight at Lepenski on the 23rd inst.

THE RUSSIANS.

MINOR ENCOUNTERS REPORTED.

December 30, 2:35 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that there have been minor encounters on the different fronts in which the Germans were worsted.

TRADE PROSPECTS.

WORKERS HIGHER WAGES.

December 30, 3:50 a.m.
The Trades Unions returns show an abounding prosperity in all the principal trades. The average wages are higher and unemployment is less than at any time in industrial history. It is estimated that the weekly increase in wages is one and a half millions sterling.

GERMAN TYRANNY.

OPPRESSION IN COURLAND.

December 30, 3:50 a.m.
Fugitives from Courland (Baltic province) speak of the Germans' cruel and heartless administration. All the males have been commandeered for military work, without payment, and people are being robbed of everything they possess.

THE IRON HEEL IN BELGIUM.

December 30, 4:10 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, sixty Britishers, mostly women and children, have arrived at Rosendal bound for England. They report that life in Brussels is more rigorous than ever. Foreigners are obliged to report weekly, otherwise they are punished with imprisonment or deportation to Germany. An Englishwoman was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for disrespect to the Kaiser.

"FORD'S ARK."

RUBBER ON BOARD!

December 30, 4:10 a.m.
A pitiful anti-climax to Mr. Ford's Peace Crusade is the Foreign Office announcement that 4,000 lbs. of rubber, consigned to a well known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden, has been seized aboard the steamer Oscar II.

THE KING AND RECRUITING.

December 30 4:15 a.m.
His Majesty the King, in a letter to Lord Derby, hopes now that the appeal for recruits is over, everyone entitled to wear an armlet will do so.

OUR SPORTS LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Rugger and Soccer.

London, November 26.
Practically all our Rugby footballers have now left the country for one or other of the theatres of war, and it has not been possible to arrange those matches between Service teams which were a feature of last season. But we have just had one such game, the Barbarians opposing a South African fifteen on the classic field at Richmond. The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, Viscount Gladstone (ex Governor of the Union) and General Leckie (in command of the South African forces in England) were amongst the spectators most of whom were in khaki. Unfortunately neither team was as strong as was hoped—the strictness of military discipline is not relaxed even on such an occasion as this when the match was promoted on behalf of the Fund to provide comforts for the Colonial troops—but the play was tense and exhilarating.

(Continued on Extra)

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ARRIVALS

December 29, 11:30 a.m.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" arrived from Yokohama via the Cape.
December 29, 11:30 a.m.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" arrived from Yokohama via the Cape.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.
There will be no collection and delivery of ordinary correspondence on Saturday.
There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

DEPARTED.

December 30.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" departed for Yokohama via the Cape.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

December 30.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" cleared for Yokohama via the Cape.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

December 30, 2:35 a.m.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" closed mails for Yokohama via the Cape.

TO-MORROW.

January 1, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

SUNDAY 2nd Jan.

January 2, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

MONDAY, 3rd Jan.

January 3, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

TUESDAY, 4th Jan.

January 4, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

WEDNESDAY, 5th Jan.

January 5, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

FRIDAY, 7th Jan.

January 7, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

SATURDAY 8th Jan.

January 8, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

WEDNESDAY, 11th Jan.

January 11, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" will depart for Yokohama via the Cape.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 30th at H.K. The weather was clear and bright, with a light breeze from the north-east. The temperature was 75° F. at 10 a.m. and 78° F. at 4 p.m. The wind was light and variable.

FORECAST FOR THE 31st HOURS.

ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.
District Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. K.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

2 Formosa Channel. K.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lanchow. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

31st December, a.m.

Station. Hongkong. Barometer. 30.13. Temperature. 75. Humidity. 78. Wind. Light and variable. Weather. Clear.

Passengers Arrived.

December 30.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" arrived with passengers from Yokohama via the Cape.

Passengers Departed.

January 1, 1916.
The steamer "Yankin Maru" departed with passengers for Yokohama via the Cape.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Dec., 1915.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVELS.

December 30, 1915.

WATER IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

December 30, 1915.

METEOROLOGICAL.

December 30, 1915.

TIDE TABLE.

27th Dec. to 2nd Jan., 1916.

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ENGLISH MAIL.

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